

most promising students at OSU achieve their goals through participation in national fellowship competitions such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall scholarship programs.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards 75 to 80 merit-based scholarships each year to college juniors who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in public service. The merit-based Truman Scholarships are recognized as the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships in America. Each Truman Scholar receives up to \$30,000 in scholarship support, plus other academic and career benefits.

Oklahoma State University is rightfully proud of its academic success. OSU has produced 10 Truman Scholars, one Rhodes scholar, six Goldwater scholars, one Marshall scholar and one Udall scholar. Many of these awards were won during the past seven years. OSU student scholar award winners include:

Truman Scholars—Bryan Begley, Shannon Ferrell, Kent Gardner, Wren Hawthorne, Jr., Jeannette Jones-Webb, Kent Major, Angela Robinson, Kim Sasser, Chris Stephens, Carla-Kaye Switzer.

Rhodes Scholar—Blaine Greteman.

Goldwater Scholars—Belinda Bashore, Michael Holcomb, Ross Keener, Michael Oehrtman, Ward Thompson, Mario White.

Marshall Scholar—Chris Stephens.

Udall Scholar—Phoebe Katterhenry.

During last week's festivities, OSU inducted its prestigious scholarship winners into the university's new "Scholars Hall of Fame." As reported in the university's award-winning student newspaper, The Daily O'Collegian, "Flashbulbs and applause erupted Friday as an orange and black ribbon was clipped—unveiling Oklahoma State University's latest tribute to its academic heritage of excellence. OSU President James Halligan and Board of Regents Chairwoman Lou Watkins cut the ribbon and ushered a number of OSU's prestigious scholarship winners into the Scholars Hall of Fame in the Student Union."

Eighteen of OSU's national scholars returned to OSU for last week's festivities, traveling from as far away as England. Included were all ten Truman Scholars.

TRIBUTE TO BUD DEMEREST

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I inform our colleagues of the recent passing of one of my truly outstanding constituents.

William McNeal Demerest, known to his many loved ones, friends, and admirers as "Bud", was a school teacher for 37 years. He was respected by his students because he not only taught them that community service is the greatest work of life, but he also led them by example. Bud served as Supervisor of the Town of Chester, N.Y., for twenty years, from 1950 until 1970. In those days, Orange County was governed by a Board of Supervisors and Bud was extremely active in that capacity. He also served as the Board of Supervisors minority leader for most of the years he served on that panel.

Bud will especially be remembered for his extraordinary efforts, after the close of World War II, in establishing the Orange County Community College (OCCC). The movement to establish two-year colleges had not yet caught fire nationwide at that point, but Bud was a prophet in foreseeing the benefit it would present not only for students but also for the economy of the whole region. When OCCC was established in 1950, Bud was appointed to their Board of Directors and served in that capacity for 23 years.

Bud Demerest was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was also a 50-year member of the Walton Engine and Hose Company, a life member of the Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the New York State Firemen's Association. He was also active in the American Legion, the Masons and Shriners, the Chester Historical Society, the Chester Little League, and many other community organizations.

Bud was predeceased by his lovely wife Ruth, but is survived by one son, one daughter, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews. William "Bud" Demerest served the public in many capacities, but each was outstanding as a good neighbor and friend. He will long be missed.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in sharing my deep sense of shock and loss for our beloved JULIAN DIXON.

JULIAN was a warrior and a statesman. I met JULIAN in 1975 when I worked as a member of Congressman Ron Dellums' staff, who I know joins us in remembering this great human being.

I will always remember how JULIAN treated me as a staff member—with respect and dignity. I know today, his staff would want me to say that JULIAN was a wonderful boss and demonstrated with them as he did with us his tough love. His fierce strength kept many of us centered and thinking clear about any issue.

As a member, JULIAN counseled me many times on the tips of the trade. Whenever an issue relating to my district came before appropriations, JULIAN would check up with me first to consider my views. He didn't have to do that. He never let me get blind-sided. Some of my most special moments with JULIAN were riding home with him. We live around the corner from each other.

During these rides we talked about so many things he cared about like his constituents; the people of California; and the people of his native home, Washington, DC. He always reminded me that I should not let the business of my life in Washington, DC get in the way of my personal friendships. All of us need to remember his words of wisdom and I thank him for his friendship. I want to thank Bettye and JULIAN's family and his home district for sharing this great leader with us and wish

them God's blessings. May JULIAN's soul rest in peace.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to express my deep sadness for the passing of my friend, mentor, and fellow Angeleno, JULIAN DIXON.

I had the privilege of knowing JULIAN DIXON for many years, including the years he served with my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal, in the 1970s and 80s.

JULIAN served his Los Angeles-area community and the state of California as a member of the California State Assembly and in Congress with distinction.

JULIAN DIXON's achievements during his nearly three-decade tenure as a legislator are too numerous to recount. He was chairman of the House Ethics Committee, maintaining bipartisanship on a traditionally partisan committee. A fighter in the struggle for civil rights, he brought that commitment to his chairmanship of the District of Columbia Appropriations subcommittee where he was a strong advocate for the rights of DC residents. Recognizing his leadership capabilities, JULIAN was elected Chairman of the influential Congressional Black Caucus in the 1980s. More recently, he served as ranking Democrat on the prestigious and demanding Select Intelligence Committee.

When I was appointed to the Appropriations Committee two years ago, I was delighted at the opportunity to serve with JULIAN on the Commerce-Justice-State-Judiciary Subcommittee because I knew my staff and I would benefit greatly from his expertise and knowledge of the agencies, programs and issues that would come before the committee.

JULIAN was extremely skillful at getting straight to the heart of a policy question. While he never hesitated to express his displeasure with any administration official—be they Attorney General or Secretary of State—he always did so in a calm, dignified and respectful manner. He did not view his role on the subcommittee as solely partisan, but rather to make sure that the government was doing its job to serve the interests of his constituents and the American people as a whole.

One anecdote in particular illustrates the way JULIAN worked and the high degree of respect accorded him by Democrats and Republicans alike. Last year, which was my first year on the Appropriations committee, the Los Angeles police department was involved in a series of controversial shootings involving officers. Learning of the incidents, JULIAN immediately understood how critical it was to the future of Los Angeles and law enforcement to ensure that such shootings were thoroughly investigated. As a result, JULIAN worked with city officials and the district attorney's office to develop a program for "roll-out teams" to quickly respond to these shootings and ensure a thorough and impartial investigation.

I still remember when JULIAN asked me to accompany him when he went to Chairman Hal Rogers to describe the problem and to ask for funding for the roll-out teams. That the chairman immediately agreed to include the funding for this critical program in the conference report is indicative of the respect with which JULIAN was held. I don't think JULIAN ever put out a press release about obtaining this important funding, but I know it has had a positive impact in helping us address one of the problems with our troubled police force.

This is just one example of JULIAN's hard work and commitment to his community, and his ability to produce results based on his stature and respect in the House. Whether it was fighting for emergency funding for Los Angeles after the riot in 1992 and the Northridge earthquake in 1994, or advocating on behalf of the Los Angeles public transportation system, JULIAN DIXON was a devoted and effective legislator.

While JULIAN DIXON will undoubtedly be remembered for years to come as an outstanding legislator, I will remember him as a cherished friend and trusted mentor. Whether providing guidance on the rules and procedures of the House, Los Angeles politics, or committee assignments, his advice was always welcome and sound.

In this time of extreme partisanship and legislative gridlock, it is my hope that we can all learn from the example of our friend and colleague, JULIAN DIXON.

While it is clear that JULIAN will be dearly missed, his hard work and dedication, dignity, and bipartisan manner will serve as an enduring model to all.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT SMITH

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to bring to the attention of the House an article from *The Lexington Chronicle*, about Army Master Sergeant Robert Smith, which gives an account of his impressive military record. Sergeant Smith is truly a great American

[From the Lexington County Living,
November 9, 2000]

A YOUNG WARRIOR'S TALE

ROBERT SMITH ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AT THE
AGE OF 14

(By Robert Smith and Mike Rowell)

Early in 1950, the North Koreans invaded South Korea. I had just joined the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky, in April. So I volunteered for duty in the Korea War.

I arrived in Korea in early September, 1950 and was assigned to the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon of the 7th Infantry Division. Most of the time, we just went up the mountains and down the valleys of Korea. I was wounded for the first time while on patrol near Souwan.

Like many boys who grew up during World War II, my dream was to be a soldier. I was especially interested in the paratroopers and Darby's Rangers. I dreamed that the military was the life for me.

Just three months after my fourteenth birthday, I decided start living my lifelong

dream. I went and enlisted in the U.S. Army. I lied and gave my age as 17, which required parental consent.

The recruiter said that he would drive me to my house for my mother's signature. However, when we arrived at the end of the twisting road with my house still a mile hike up the mountain side, he stopped the car.

He said, "You go get your mother to sign here."

I had counted on that! My cousin signed it. I was in the Army now.

My basic training was at Camp Pickett, Va. During boot camp, I did something wrong and my platoon sergeant called me down and said, "You little SOB—I know you're not old enough to be in the Army. If I thought you could make a living on the outside, I would have your ass kicked out."

After basic training, I volunteered for the Airborne and completed jump school in March of 1949—it was one day after my fifteenth birthday. At this time the 11th Airborne Division was coming stateside from Japan, and the 82nd Airborne was at full strength. So I was assigned to Germany and flew security on aircraft involved in the Berlin Airlift.

Then came Korea. Just before New Year's Day 1951, the 2nd Airborne Ranger Company was assigned to my division. I volunteered and was assigned to this illustrious Ranger company.

Not long after that, I was wounded a second time and sent to a hospital in Japan. After recovery, I was returned to Korea for a time. But shortly thereafter I was rotated back to the United States at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Incidentally, I bumped into my old basic-training drill sergeant—the one who had threatened to kick me out of the Army. I don't know what he had done, but he had been busted from master sergeant to private first class. My rank was sergeant first class. Revenge is a dish best served cold!

In November 1952, I was assigned to the 32nd Infantry in my old division after I re-volunteered for duty in Korea. We saw action at Old Baldy, Pork Chop Hill, White Horse, and Jane Russell, names that will never be forgotten. I was assigned as a forward observer with the Ethiopian Battalion. I was wounded again during the final battle of Pork Chop Hill.

After the Korean War, I had to adjust to the peacetime Army. During this period, the Army decided to change the dress uniform from Khaki to green. The orders went out for a group of soldier to model the 'new look.'

The requirements were simple. You had to be at least six feet tall and a combat veteran. I was one of the four men, out of 258 from the 3rd Army who were selected. During the next three and a half years, I traveled throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan, modeling the new uniform. What a change from Korea!

One morning in 1964, I was at the Pentagon at the enlisted branch records department. I signed in, stated my reason for being there, and sat down to wait my turn. A sharp looking sergeant picked up the sign-in sheet, left the room. When he returned he announced,

"There are 28 noncoms in here trying to get out of going to Vietnam. There is only one trying to go there. Sgt. Smith, come with me."

I had my Vietnam assignment within thirty minutes. I went back overseas as an advisor. I was wounded for the fourth time during that tour.

My second Vietnam tour was with the 11th Airborne Cavalry's Long Range Patrol. We were involved in typical Vietnam operations—patrol, search and destroy. On one of those patrols I was wounded for the fifth time.

I retired on December 30, 1969. There was a big ceremony for those who were retiring. I was supposed to be awarded my fifth Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal for Valor.

When the major general came to me he said, "Sergeant, how old are you? You look like you should be coming in, not going out."

Instead of pinning my medals on, he handed them to me and said, "You have more medals than I do. Put them on wherever you can!"

Robert "Smitty" Smith earned the Combat Infantryman Badge and was awarded a Bronze Star for Valor and a Purple Heart at age 16. He earned the Silver Star, a second Bronze Star for heroism and two Purple Hearts by age 17, all while serving in Korea.

He also received the U.S. Navy Commendation Medal for leading a squad that assisted the return of a U.S. Marine patrol that had been surrounded by an enemy force.

During his two tours in Vietnam, he received two Purple Hearts, another Combat Infantryman Badge, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, his third Bronze Star for Valor, the Air Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He proudly wore a Master Parachutists Badge.

Smitty and his wife Ann live in Gilbert, South Carolina. They have three sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren. All three sons served in the Airborne infantry. One son, an underage veteran who joined the Army at age 15, was killed in an automobile accident in 1993.

Sgt. Robert Smith, Ret. is a proud member of the Veterans of Underage Military Service (VUMS). This organization is open to veterans of the Army, Navy, Marines Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the Merchant Marines.

VUMS is actively seeking eligible members. The National Commander is Edward E. Gilley, 4011 Tiger Point Blvd., Gulf Breeze, Florida, 32561-3515. He can be reached at 888-653-8867, FAX at 850-934-1315, or you can e-mail him at ed-bess-gulfbreeze@att.net.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN HENRY B. GONZALEZ

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to former Rep. Henry Gonzalez, who passed away on Tuesday, December 5th, at the age of 84.

Throughout his career, Henry Gonzalez was an unwavering champion for equal justice and civil rights and a powerful voice for the disenfranchised. Henry first entered public life in 1953, when he was elected to the San Antonio City Council. The son of Mexican immigrants, he came along when Texas was a black and white society and Hispanics were generally not considered to be a minority group. Nevertheless, he spoke forcefully against segregation of public facilities and helped to shepherd passage of desegregation ordinances. Later, after he became the first Mexican-American to serve in the Texas State Senate, he attracted national attention for successfully filibustering several racial segregation bills that were aimed at circumventing the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case.